

PARTITION OF EAST EUROPE!

AMAZING BERLIN
TALE OF DUPLICITY

Shanghai, To-day.
Germany and the Soviet
have arranged to share
entire Eastern Europe, ac-
cording to freely current
reports in Berlin circles,
quoted in a despatch from
Amsterdam.

The Soviet is said to be tak-
ing the section which is in-
habited by White Russians
extending north of Vilna, and
the regions inhabited by the
Ukrainian minority south of
Lwow (Lemberg).

The partition is being undertaken
under the principle of maintenance
of two buffer States, Lithuania (includ-
ing Vilna) and "Little Poland," under
German control but nominally in-
dependent like Slovakia.

A Moscow report, however,
quotes foreign observers in the
Russian capital as stating that
reports of a Japan-Soviet non-
aggression pact are premature.

RUMANIAN BORDER INHABITANTS PANICKY

A despatch from Cernauti (Ru-
mania) says that panic yesterday
gripped the population of Bukovina
province, who fear a German inva-
sion.

A number of families have fled into
the interior despite the authorities'
measures to prevent an exodus at pres-
ent.—Our Own Correspondent.

ANOTHER DASTARDLY ORDER AND PRETEXT

London, To-day.
The Berlin wireless station says
that Der Fuehrer has announced
that German troops will shoot
at all Polish troops who approach
their lines with their hands rais-
ed.

This, it is said, is because Po-
lish troops have approached the
German lines in this fashion and
then, it is alleged, started ma-
chine-gunning when the Germans
ceased fire.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING SHOCKED BY SOVIET ARMISTICE

Chungking, To-day.
News of the conclusion of
an armistice to end the Mon-
golian border fighting has
caused a painful impression
here, although it had been
known for some time that ne-
gotiations had been in pro-
gress to this end.

It is pointed out that Russia con-
tinued to give material assistance to
China after the signature of the
Changchun armistice following the
Soviet-Japanese fighting in August
last year, and hence it is considered
that the new agreement may not af-
fect Soviet assistance to China.

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DESPERATE NAZI ATTEMPT TO SMASH FRENCH LINES NEAR SAARBRUCKEN

DESTROYER CATCHES U-BOAT IN THE ACT

London, To-day.

Men rescued from the New-
castle tanker Cheyenne,
which is owned by the Anglo-
American Oil Co., yesterday
described how a British des-
troyer caught a German
U-boat in the act of shelling
them.

The Cheyenne sighted the submarine
on Friday afternoon when it was
about six miles away. The tanker
went full speed ahead in an effort to
escape, but the submarine caught up
with her and began shelling.

Suddenly, smoke appeared on the
horizon and shortly afterwards a Bri-
tish destroyer rushed onto the scene.
The U-boat promptly dived and the
destroyer dropped depth charges all
over the area.

As a result of the shelling, the
Cheyenne broke in two, and the sec-
tions drifted apart. As she was a
danger to navigation, the destroyer
sank her.

The crew were taken on board the
Norwegian ship Ida Bakke.—Reuter.

NO CASUALTIES

London, To-day.

The entire crew of 37 of the tor-
pedoed Anglo-American tanker Che-
yenne were landed in England by
lifeboat yesterday. There were no
casualties.

The crew declared that after tak-
ing to the boats as the result of warn-
ing shots from the Nazi submarine,
they saw their vessel sunk.

The submarine stood by for several
hours until the Ida Bakke arrived.

The submarine commander
offered to tow the crew towards
the Irish coast if no rescue vessel
turned up.

Members of the crew, interviewed,
revealed that a British destroyer
came on the scene while the sub-
marine was still shelling the ship.
The submarine promptly submerged.

The destroyer dropped depth
charges and then sank the Cheyenne
as the wreckage was a danger to
navigation.—Reuter.

It is considered that if Japan feels
she enjoys a free hand in the Far
East without fear of Soviet interven-
tion, she may radically change her
policy towards third party rights and
interests, which may therefore be in
danger of further encroachments, but
this may be followed by a more posi-
tive policy on the part of the United
States in the Far East.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
LATE LAST NIGHT it was reported that three mass
formations of German tanks and infantry tried
to smash the French lines near Saarbrucken.
The battle took place near the Saar village of Nieder,
half-way between Luxemburg and Saarbrucken.
The attacking Germans were driven back by the
French despite heavy shelling.

German aeroplanes dived low and
machine-gunned the French positions,
but the French withheld the assault
in newly-dug trenches and are still
maintaining their positions on the
hills.

This is the first time that the Ger-
mans have come over in mass-forma-
tion.

French artillery shattered the Ger-
man tank formations, and the French
broke and drove back the infantry
attack with bayonet charges.—Reuter.

VILLAGES DESTROYED

London, To-day.

A French communique issued last
night states that the Germans have
destroyed certain villages as they re-
tired. There is great artillery activi-
ty on both sides over the whole front
and the Germans are sending up
reinforcements.—Reuter.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

Shanghai, To-day.

A Paris despatch stresses the
strategic importance of the plateau
which is gradually falling into French
hands, and the eastern ridge which
forms a remarkable artillery position
for shelling enemy units in the Saar-
lauren region, the entire Saar valley
and the Siegfried Line.

The Germans have been making

desperate efforts to dislodge the
French infantry but without success,
and German operations in other sec-
tors were also unsuccessful. — Our
Own Correspondent.

UNCEASING REINFORCEMENT

Paris, To-day.

A communique states there was
great activity by the artillery on
both sides yesterday and by units in
contact upon the whole front.

The enemy is unceasingly send-
ing up reinforcements opposite our
lines.

At several points he has abandon-
ed and destroyed certain of his
villages as he retired.—Reuter.

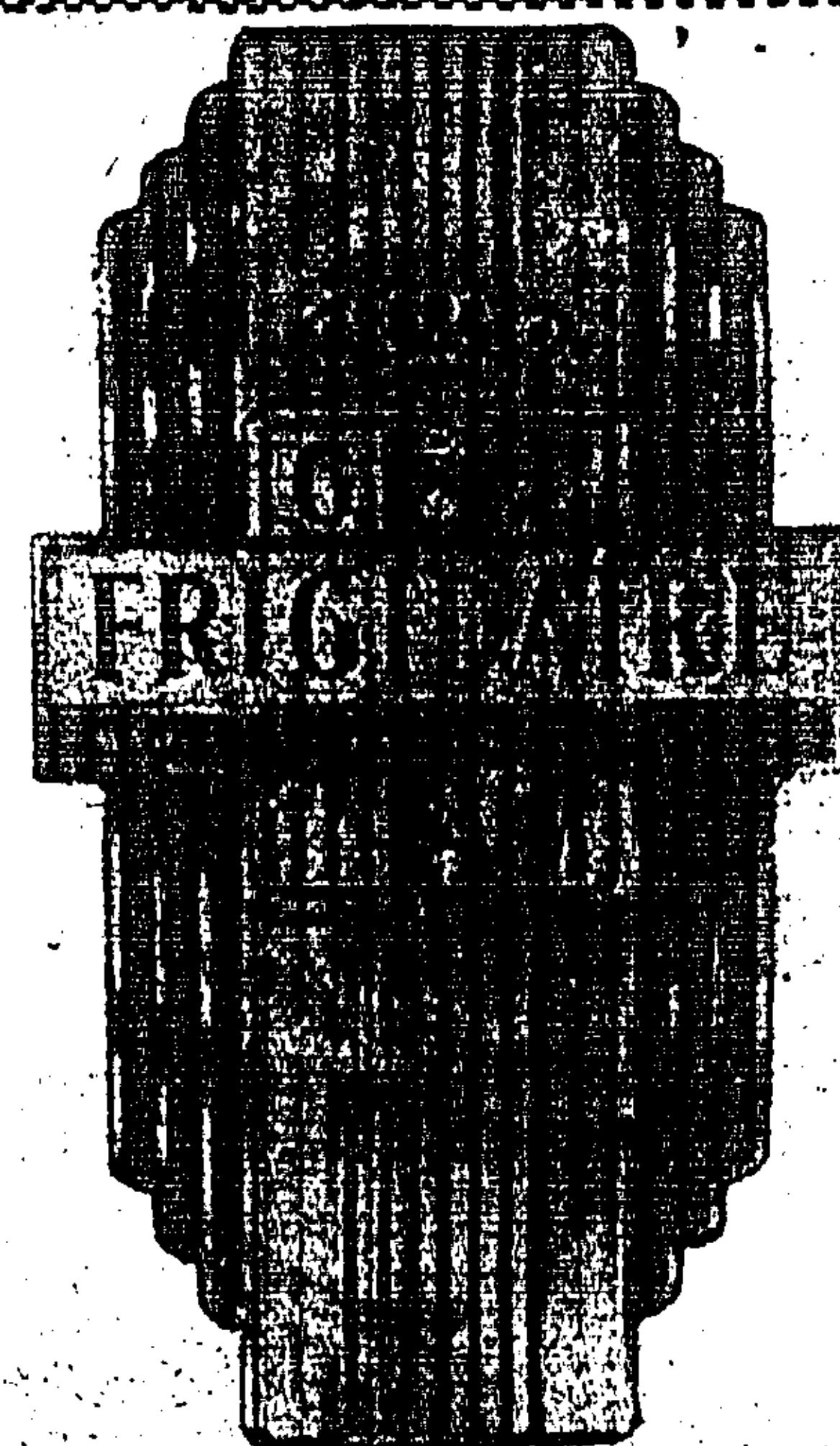
INTENSE ACTIVITY

Shanghai, To-day.

Several sections of the western front
are active, says a French General
Headquarters communique issued in
Paris.

South of Saarbrucken the
enemy artillery has displayed in-
tense action but a number of
French advances have been car-
ried out east of the Moselle.

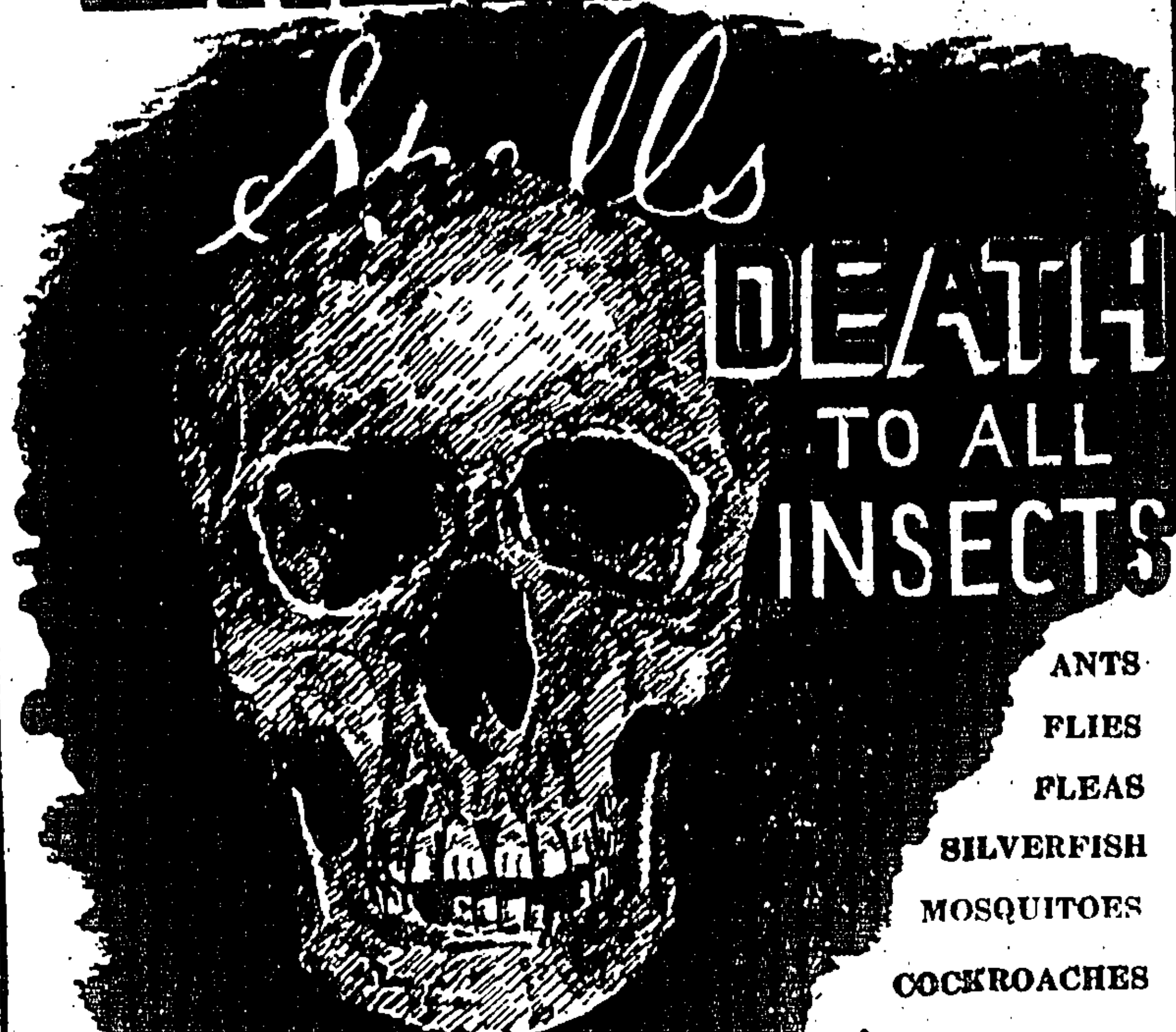
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cessfully repulsed by the French. —
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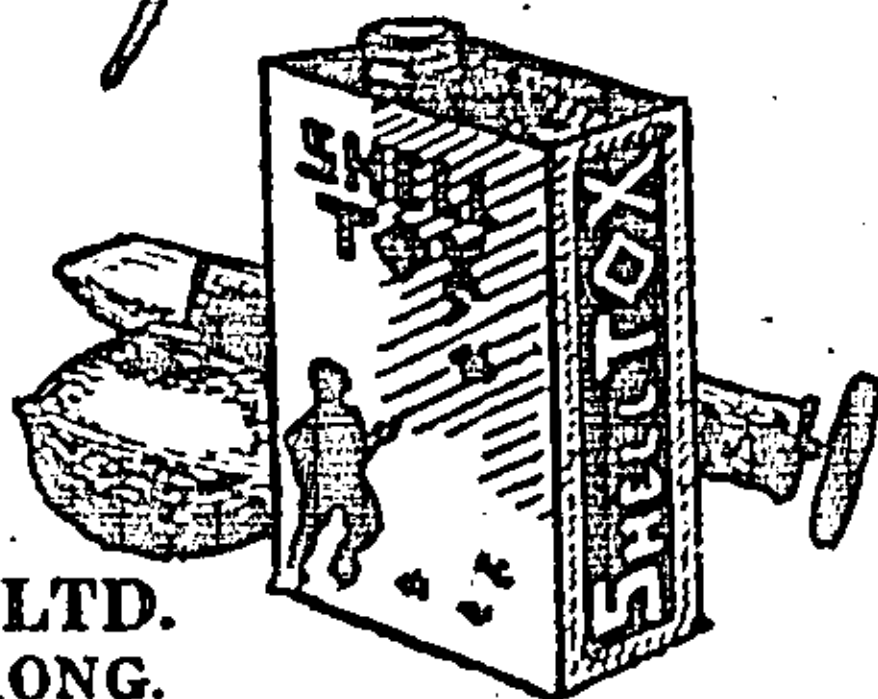
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RUSSIA STILL THE GREAT ENIGMA OF WAR

London, To-day.

RUSSIA IS STILL the great enigma of the present European situation, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

When the Soviet concluded her non-aggression pact with Germany, after turning down the Turko-British offer of collaboration in a mutual assistance pact, the general belief was that she was seeking to have her hands free in the Far East.

But, as events have moved so rapidly since then, it is not altogether surprising to find the Soviets entering an armistice with Japan, which it is suggested, may be followed by a non-aggression pact, leaving Moscow with her hands free in Europe.

What use the Soviet will make of this liberty is the great problem.

The suggestion implied in the recent "Pravda" article was that the Soviet was staking a claim in Poland, where they allege there are nearly 10,000,000 Ukrainians and White Russians.

In this connexion there are two possibilities:—

Firstly, there may have been an agreement with Germany in respect to the partition of Poland.

Secondly, Moscow is alarmed at the speed of the German victory and may be preparing to back up her claims to certain territories if the German advance is pushed too far.

ALL-PURPOSE MEASURE

The mobilisation of four million soldiers is in keeping with either alternative, and can be regarded as an all-purpose measure to cover every eventuality, while it is significant that Germany seems to be as much in the dark and uneasy about the Soviet attitude as the rest of the world.

The Soviet-Japanese truce should enable the Japanese to devote their energies to disposing of the China Incident, but whether confidence in the truce will enable them to withdraw any of the 300,000 men concentrated on the Soviet-Mongolian border, is a somewhat moot point.

It is difficult to see how the mutual Russo-Japanese distrust can disappear overnight.

The same might be said even more truthfully of Russo-German relations, and in short, the signing of the Soviet-Japanese armistice does not clarify the situation and merely introduces a new uncertainty.—Reuter.

NAZI COMMENT

Berlin, To-day.

Diplomatic regulation of the bones of contention of the Mongol-Manchukuo frontier has a significance far beyond its local framework, states the "Diplomatische Korrespondenz," the official Nazi Foreign Office organ.

The will of both Powers to abolish this source of insecurity is certainly a good psychological starting point for the settlement of further grievances.

A better understanding between the two great East Asiatic Powers will certainly facilitate a peaceful organic solution of fundamental problems in the Far East.—Reuter.

"UNPLEASANT FOR BRITAIN"

Berlin, To-day.

The press welcomes the Japan-Soviet agreement, concerning the Mongolian border dispute, and describes it as "unpleasant for Britain."

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" says it creates a basis for an exchange of interests between neighbouring Powers, and is the first step towards a solution of their remaining differences.—Reuter.

NAZIS EXECUTE PACIFIST

London, To-day.

The German official news agency says that the German Military Court has executed Auguste Dickmann, a member of the International Bible Society, who claimed exemption from military service as a conscientious objector.

Paul Mueller, of Harler, has also been executed for arson and sabotage.—Reuter.

MEMEL SEALS ALL RADIO SETS

Kaunas, To-day.

All radio receiving sets in Memel have been sealed by the German authorities. This is taken to be a measure to prevent listening to foreign broadcast stations.

It is reported that Memel is suffering from a shortage of food and other commodities.

Many Memel Lithuanians are said to be applying to their consulates for visas to enter Lithuania.—Reuter.

ANTI-NAZIS OFFER AID TO BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The Home Secretary has been sent a letter by Germans and Austrians who fought for the Spanish Government in the International Brigade.

Since Franco's victory, they have been refugees and are now offering their services to Britain in the war against Nazi Germany.—Reuter.

LITHUANIA TO STAY NEUTRAL

Kaunas, To-day.

The determination of Lithuania to remain neutral, both now and in the future, was emphasised by the Prime Minister speaking at the opening of the autumn session of the Diet yesterday.

He said the present situation demanded discipline, unity and determination on the part of all.—Reuter.

HONG KONG IN TWO WARS

Reminiscences Of The Colony In Autumn, 1914

DIFFERENCES OF THEN AND NOW

(By A Special Correspondent)

"THE HONG KONG of 1914 and that of to-day are totally different, due to the Sino-Japanese dispute and the uncertainty of Japan's attitude towards Britain."

The speaker was one of Hong Kong's older residents, having first come here as far back as 1909.

Asked for highlights of the Great War period as far as Hong Kong was concerned, he spoke at length and very interestingly, and it is with regret that space does not allow me to reproduce all he said.

Curiously enough, Britain declared war on Germany on a Sunday—it was a fortnight ago to-day that Britain again went to war with Germany—and my informant had spent that day in Macao.

The harbour was closed to all shipping immediately word was received that Britain was at war, and the Macao boat, due in at 9 p.m., was not allowed inside the harbour until 6 a.m. the next day, and all passengers were closely examined by the port authorities before they were allowed to come shore.

GOVERNOR'S DECISION

The local German community had many British friends and no official order was issued for their internment. They were allowed to continue doing business, and there were few firms who did not have some dealing with them. Sir Henry May, Governor at the time, made a public announcement to the effect that Britain was at war with Germany, and not with individuals, as a result of which the local Germans enjoyed complete freedom, which, however, was rudely interrupted by the fall of Antwerp, which was duly celebrated at the German Club and at which two young Germans, who had preferred a liquid rather than a solid dinner, burned the British flag.

Word was immediately received by the Police, and within a very short period of time every German in the Colony was arrested.

SENT TO AUSTRALIA

They were later sent to a prepared concentration camp on what is now the Marina ground, Chatham Road, and it was here that a small section of the internees managed to dig a tunnel which went under the barbed wire fence. One member actually escaped, but was caught after a very short spell of freedom.

This episode caused stricter control, but it was not long after that all the internees were sent to Australia, from where they were repatriated, and for several years Hong Kong did not have a single German resident.

Without any danger to the Colony, trade boomed, shipping and utilities benefiting most. Ice House Street was kept working at high pressure throughout the war period and money flowed freely. At the commencement of the war the local dollar was in the neighbourhood of 2/- and rose to 2/4 before 1918, when it rocketed sky high, my informant actually securing G\$1.10 for HK\$1.00!

GAMBLING IN MARKS

There was considerable gambling in marks and roubles, and, here again, my informant had 3,000,000 roubles lodged with the Bank, and was issued with a bill for storage! Purchasing of dyes also enabled several to make handsome profits, while a large number of periodicals enjoyed brief but remunerative existences.

Did the Colony contribute to English war funds? Yes, there were innumerable charity sweeps, most notable among which was the St. George's Day Sweep, first prize of

\$500,000, and concerts to raise money, and the Colony's response to the call was excellent in this direction.

MAN POWER

The assembling of the Colony's man power was somewhat delayed, at first only Volunteers receiving medical examination and others who desired to have a free "once over." Later the examination was made compulsory and

in 1916 and 1917 men were sent Home to fight for King and Country, some 200 answering the call, in addition to a very large Chinese Labour Corps contingent. The Police Reserve were mobilised on the outbreak of war and they greatly aided in the attempt to reduce the regular garrison to the minimum strength.

In this connection there is a most interesting true story of two employees of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. — Messrs. McLeod and Evers. Both desired to be sent Home for war service, but McLeod's very short-sightedness was considered an unsurmountable obstacle for a successful medical test. Evers, however, had a remarkable memory, and it was his idea that he should go for the eye test just before McLeod, memorise the letters required to be read and inform McLeod. He passed his test without any difficulty and memorised the required letters. McLeod was given the letters and in the brief period he had at his disposal memorised them. When confronted by the medical officer he said his eyes were in good trim and, on being told to read the fifth line, proceeded to mouth,

slowly, what he had been told by Evers. At the conclusion of the recitation, he said, "Well, I pass, don't I doc?" The doctor scratched his head, and, with a smile, said "I am afraid not. You see the line I asked you to read was one of dots and dashes."

Both McLeod and Evers saw service, the latter being killed in 1915, after rising from private to Captain in the field. McLeod was killed late in 1917.

THE OUTLOOK

To-day, concluded my informant, the Colony has the jitters. What if Japan decides to conclude a non-aggression pact with Russia? asks the public. How long can Hong Kong hold out in the event of a blockade or in the face of an attack? You might well ask when is the mainland going to be joined with the island by bridge? . . . Hong Kong is as safe as the North Pole . . . Japan is going to sit on the fence to watch events in Europe . . . Hong Kong will have a stagnant business period of not more than three months and trade will then boom, but not to the extent that it did from 1914-1918, due to the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

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TRAPPED!

When E41 of the 8th Submarine Flotilla sank off Harwich during the war, William Brown, a stoker, found himself the sole survivor of the disaster, trapped in the engine-room forty fathoms below the North Sea.

Two hours later a search party in a small boat endeavouring to locate the spot where she sank were astonished to see a man's head bobbing up and down in the water.

In a desperate effort to escape the submarine, Brown had succeeded by flooding the engine-room and opening a hatch used for loading torpedoes into the ship.

He was pensioned from the Navy in 1926 and now lives at Worcester. Gardening is his hobby.

If you push an inverted tumbler into a deep basin filled with water you will find that only a small quantity of water will rise in the glass.

If it were possible to put in a small air pressure no water at all would rise.

It was by employing this principle that I tried to save the lives of twenty-two of my comrades in a sinking submarine in the North Sea.

HOLED BY A PERISCOPE

One August morning in 1916, E41 was practising diving off Harwich when she was holed by the periscope of another submarine which had been submerged and had come up under her while she was on the surface.

When it happened I was on watch in the engine-room of E41. Immediately the vessel began to sink. There was a stampede for the open conning tower before that went under and the

inevitable rush of water that would follow and drown us all.

My first thought was to save not only my comrades but also the ship. I left the engine-room and went to the midship compartment immediately below the conning tower.

The conning tower itself is reached by a perpendicular iron ladder and there is a hatch that shuts down and separates it from the rest of the ship.

A further ladder gives access to the top of the conning tower, where another hatch gives on to the deck of the submarine.

The lower ladder was already filled with scrambling men all making for the conning tower, from which they could escape through the second hatch.

Water was spurting into the compartment where I stood. The shell of the submarine, I could see, had been holed low down on the starboard side.

My idea to save the ship was to close down the lower hatch as soon as the crew had escaped up the first ladder and then to release all the air available in the vessel from bottles and that in torpedoes. Thus, on the principle of the simple home experiment referred to above, the inflow of water could at once be checked and the ship kept on the



surface. But it was essential that the hatch should be closed, and this was not possible until the men had passed over it.

MAN AT TOP OF THE LADDER

One of my comrades, Sewell by name, volunteered for the task of running the torpedoes, and he suggested running them "hot." In this way an additional expansion of air would occur and increase the chance of keeping the ship afloat.

While he prepared to carry this



AS HE IS TO-DAY—A recent photograph of Chief Petty Officer Brown.

out, and also to release air stored in bottles, I was to return to the engine-room and make preparations for escape that way in case our efforts to prevent the ship from becoming submerged failed.

By now the water spurting through the jagged hole in the submarine was washing round our knees. And still the scramble up the ladder into the conning tower was going on. Some one shouted: "For heaven's sake get a move on."

The man at the top of the ladder had got his coat caught on a projection and was causing an agonising hold-up.

"Close the conning-tower hatch or it'll be too late," I shouted. But the next moment a great swirl of

ly in the darkness, wondering whether any of my comrades in the flooded compartment next door had survived.

Nothing but the gurgle of water greeted my cry. There was little doubt that all of them had perished when that engulfing torrent poured from above into the conning tower.

ONE WAY OUT OF ENGINE ROOM

I had last seen Sewell making frantic efforts to shut the forward watertight door.

I lost no time setting about for a means of escape from this steel coffin which held me forty fathoms down in the North Sea.

By
**Stoker Chief Petty Officer
WILLIAM BROWN**

water rushed in and swept back the men in a struggling heap.

The conning tower had become submerged before my experiment could be put into practice.

Just in time I sprang back into the engine room and slammed the watertight door that divided it from the midship compartment. I was now alone, and the ship was sinking. I could feel it steadily plunging.

DOWN BY THE BOWS

The floor was at a dangerous angle, going down by the bows. I had to hold on to prevent myself from being shot forward. And then the lights



failed. Excepting for the red glow of the pilot lamp on the port engine the compartment was plunged into darkness.

Still I could feel the vessel sliding downward. It was now at an angle of forty-five degrees, and as I hung on every now and then the silence was broken by a deafening clatter as parts of the boat's machinery and loose tools were scattered.

At last there was a gentle grating and I knew that the ship had reached the ocean bed. She was on an even keel. A deep and awful silence enveloped me. I called loud-

There was only one way out of the engine-room, and that was through a hatch above me used for loading torpedoes into the vessel when on the surface. But how was I to push the hatch upwards and outwards with some thousands of tons of water overhead pressing down on it?

Now, I had often turned over in my mind how one could hope to escape in circumstances such as those in which I now found myself and I had come to the conclusion that there was only one method, and that was to equalise the pressure of water inside the submarine with that outside.

The way to do that in this case was completely to flood the engine-room from which the hatch gave out into the sea. Then this task of attempting to lift upwards, after the manner of a trap-door in a loft, a steel hatch several feet square, with many thousands of tons of water above it, would not be so impossible as it may sound.

BECAME UNBEARABLY HOT

Hatches in submarines are no different from doors in houses, and as easy to open if the pressure each side is the same. And it is common knowledge that steel, or any other metal for that matter, is lighter when submerged in water than in the ordinary atmosphere.

Already the interior of the engine-room was becoming unbearably hot. To make matters worse, the rush

of salt water in electric storage battery compartment chlorine gas, which was entering the engine-room, was giving me an unpleasant taste in my throat.

But I was determined to make a desperate struggle to endure a slow, painful death.

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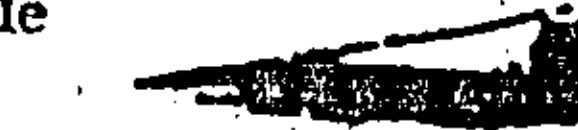
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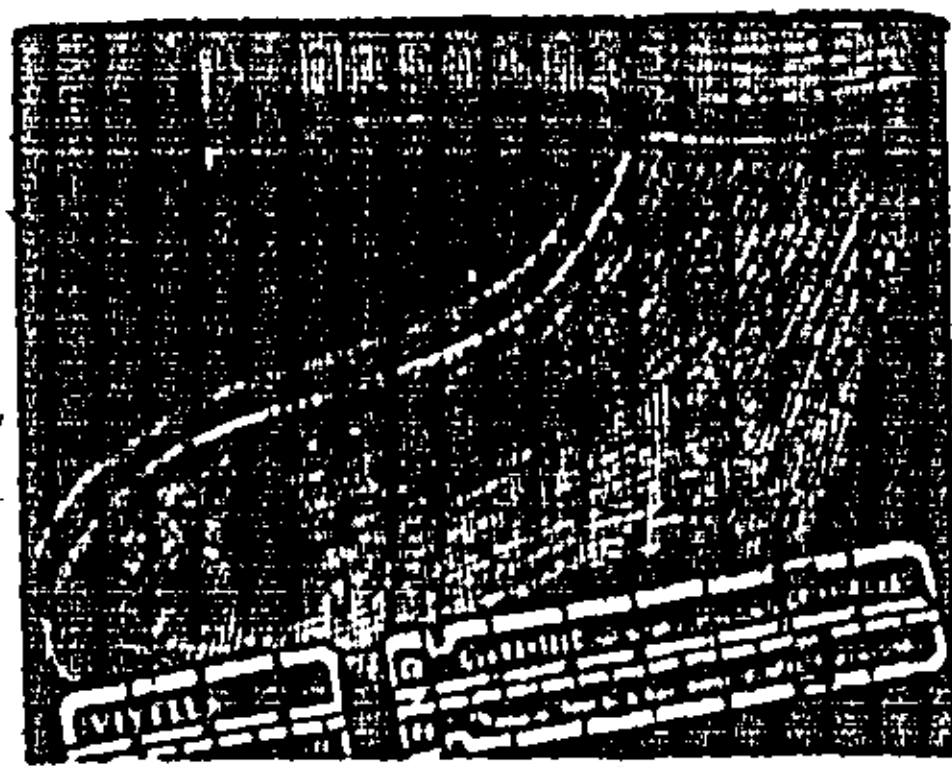
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to work under water, holding my breath at the last moment.

I decided to try the torpedo tubes first as the means of inlet by opening them the innermost crack.

As I set about attempting to open them with a wheel spanner a terrifying thought struck me. When a torpedo speeds through the water after being released from its tube it soon becomes "live," so that the slightest impact on its head causes it to detonate.

If I opened the tube would the force of water running into the vessel through the tube have a similar effect? I decided not to take the risk and abandoned this idea.

Next I tried to let water in through the engine's circulating system and the exhaust. I groped about in pitch darkness—for by now the pilot light had also failed—feeling my way by familiar parts of the machinery until I found the weed-trap of the circulating inlet. This is a contrivance for preventing weeds from being washed into the engine jacket in the water used for cooling the engines. But the butterfly nuts wouldn't budge.

I then climbed on to the top of the engine to try to drop the induction valve. While in that position I was quite near to the hatch through which ultimately I should escape.

ANTICIPATING AN INRUSH

I was surprised to find that even the small quantity of water that had travelled into the engine-room through the voice pipes had increased the air pressure sufficiently to enable me to move the hatch upwards slightly.

As I paused to rest for a minute or two I could not help thinking how ironical it was that, although I was virtually surrounded by water, I was having to exercise every feasible method to get water into the compartment to serve my purpose.

I now determined to open the deadlight in the steel watertight door leading into the midship compartment where my comrades had been drowned only an hour or two before. A deadlight is the metal shutter which covers a porthole.

Before carrying out this next move I stood well back, rightly anticipating a heavy inrush of water, and then kicked hard at the fastenings.

NEARLY CHOKED BY GAS

At last the deadlight came loose, and immediately there was a swirl of water and a strangling puff of chlorine gas that nearly choked me.

To make matters worse the water was electrically charged, an unforeseen complication caused by the current "shorting" through the water from the main motor switches.

Higher and higher the water rose and as it washed round my knees I



A Submarine of the E Class.

mounted the iron ladder leading to the hatch.

I decided to move the second steel girder in case there wasn't room for me to get through.

By now the rising water was causing an air pressure sufficient to raise the hatch a little. I stood at the top of the ladder and heaved. But so far the pressure was not sufficient to force the hatch open wide enough for me to be blown through, as I expected to be.

Still the water crept upwards. Again I heaved at the hatch and this time I got my hand caught in it as it opened and closed again with a sucking snap. I heaved against and



A Submarine of the E Class.

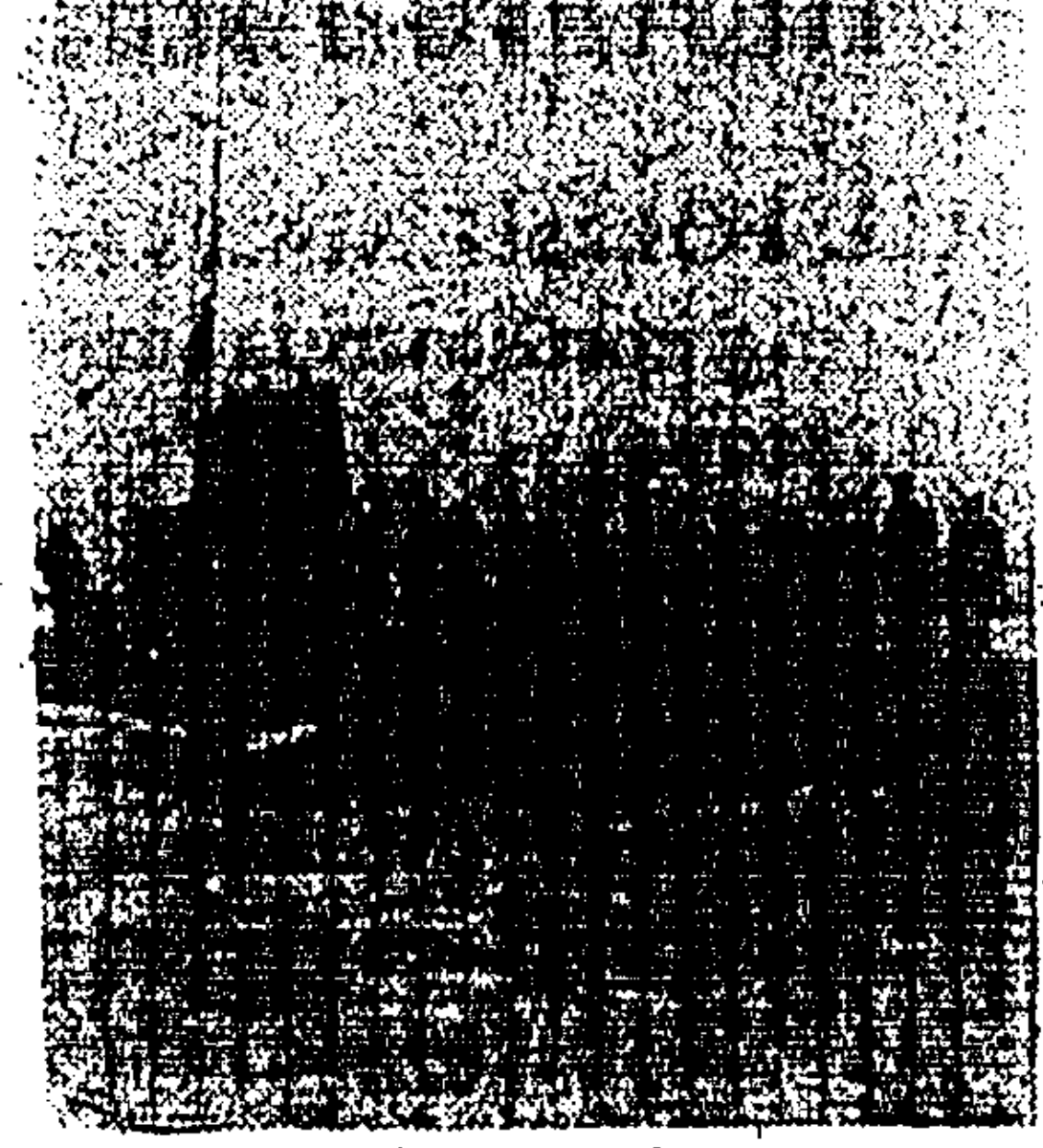
managed to release it. It was badly crushed, but I hardly noticed the pain. Now I resolved to hasten the complete flooding of the engine room. I knocked the dogs off the deadlight and a fresh flood of water rushed in. It reached my chest, my neck, my chin. I clambered up the ladder again.

I was as near as possible to the hatch, and still the water rose. The engine room was almost full by now, and if I hadn't found a two-inch recess caused by the coaming round the hatch I should have been under water.

As it was I put my head sideways and rested my cheek on the hatch and so was able to breathe.

One final effort and the hatch flew open. I paddled with great frantic strokes out into the dim green sea. I could feel myself rising.

Above, the green was getting



A Submarine of the E Class.

lighter. I thought I must be reaching the surface. I found it quite easy to breathe, and it dawned on me that I had had the good fortune to strike an air bubble.

Suddenly, it seemed, I was dazzled by a great light until I realised that I had reached the surface and was looking into the sun.

Shortly afterwards I was picked up by a rowing boat from E41's parent ship Maldstone, which had been searching the sea in the vicinity where the submarine had foundered in case there were any survivors.

They put me to bed, and after a few days in hospital I was sent on leave.

NEXT WEEK:

The Man Who Brought Down The Potters Bar Zeppelin.

STEADY MARKETS

London, To-day.

Loans continued fully adequate for all requirements on the London money market yesterday.

Apart from the high level of bankers' deposits, outside institutions also appeared amply supplied with loanable funds.

This comfortable monetary position resulted in some easiness in discount rates early in the week, but with the bank rate maintained at four per cent., a steadier tendency latterly was in evidence.

This week's Treasury Bill allotment rate was only a shade easier at £3:11:0 compared with £3:12:0 previously.

Wall Street closed easy yesterday.—Reuter.

CANADIAN GIRL BURIED

London, To-day.

The funeral was held at Hamilton, Ontario, yesterday of Margaret Hayward, 10-year old Canadian girl who died as a result of injuries sustained in the Athenia torpedoing.

Just before the funeral, the Hamilton City Council met and passed a resolution expressing the horror of all Canadians at the tyranny, deceit and inhumanity of the German Government.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, attended the funeral.—Reuter.

REORGANISING U.S. ARMY

Washington, To-day.

The United States War Department announces that the United States land forces will be reorganised immediately into small, compact groups, as this will make them more effective.—Reuter.

JAPAN HAD THE WIND UP

London, To-day.

Japan's concern over the Mongolian situation before the signing of the Moscow truce agreement is indicated in a delayed despatch from Peking.

The despatch states that according to foreign observers at Shanhaikuan, thirteen Japanese troop trains recently passed there en route from North China to Manchukuo within a day.

On the trains were an estimated 10,000 men, most of whom are believed to have been withdrawn from Shansi, the southern half of which the Japanese appear to be abandoning, while military observers report that numerous Japanese bombers have flown north, indicating that the Japanese air force is being reinforced from North China.—Reuter.

FIGHTING CEASES

London, To-day.

The Japanese news agency Domei announces that as a result of the truce signed in Moscow, fighting between Soviet and Japanese troops ceased yesterday.

The fighting had lasted for nearly five months.

A report from Moscow says that the Soviet Premier and the Japanese Ambassador are continuing their conversations.—Reuter.

PARIS PRICE CONTROL

Paris, To-day.

Increase in producers' wholesale and retail prices above the level existing on September 1 is forbidden by official decree, unless the increase is shown to be justified and permission obtained.

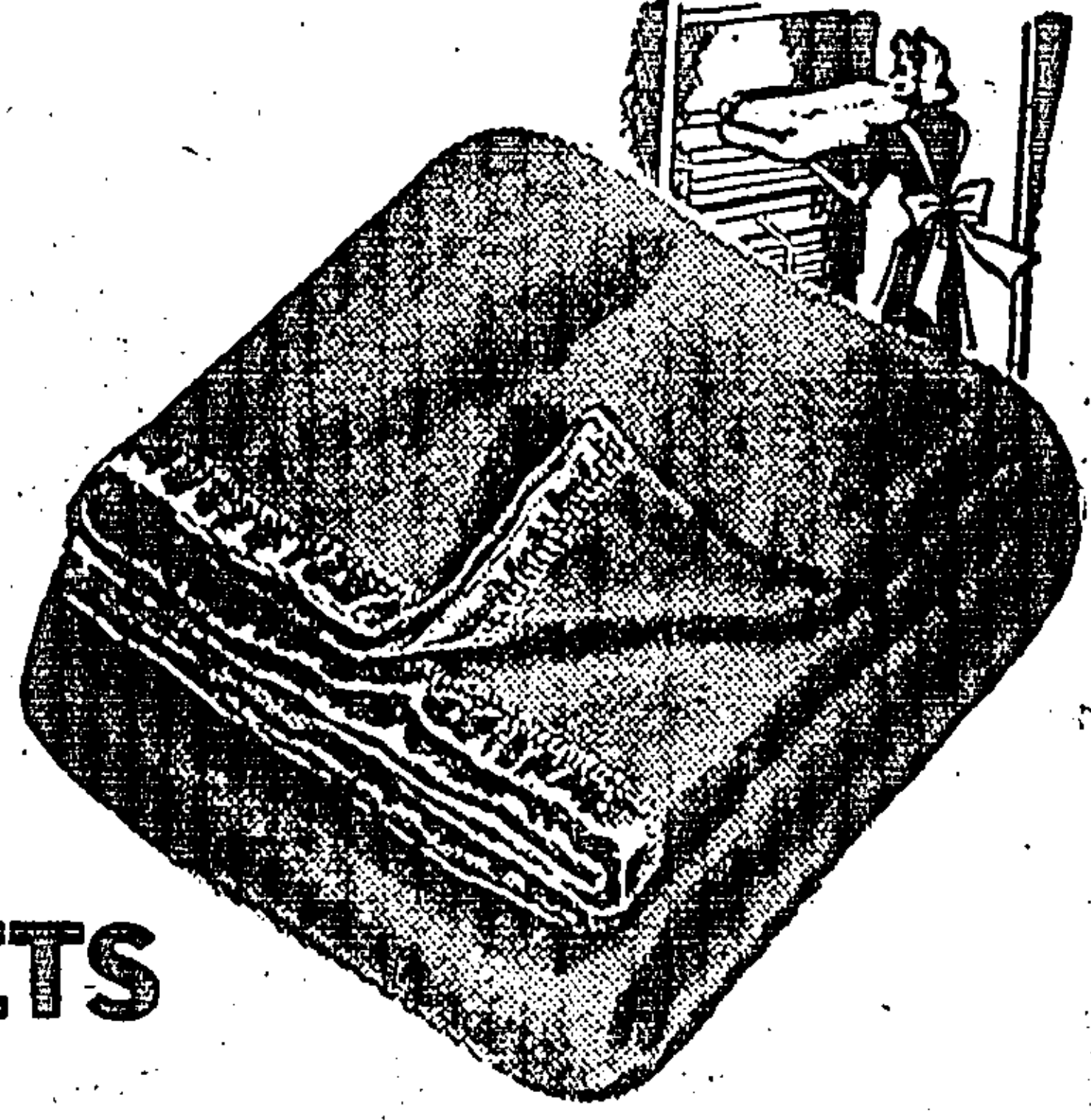
The authorities have already taken action against a number of traders.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER

Paris, To-day.

Mr. S. F. Waterson, the South African Minister to Paris, left for London yesterday morning. He was expected to arrive in the British capital about 7 p.m.—Reuter.

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FATE OF POLISH DIVISIONS IN POSNANIA STILL UNCERTAIN: NAZI TACTICS

Paris, To-day.
COMMENTING ON THE fighting in Poland, the military experts of the newspapers emphasise that the German tactics consist of sending armoured columns to make long raids into Polish territory, with the object of destroying communications and preventing the concentration of Polish troops.

"Le Temps" points out that Warsaw is not seriously attacked from the west but it is still impossible to know the fate of the Polish divisions in Posnania and Pomerellen (western Poland), which the Germans report to be the object of a concentric attack.

The paper says the German left wing advance on Brest-Litovsk appears to be slackening, but the turning movement of the right wing has been greatly extended.

Lublin is threatened, on the other hand, with isolation.

German troops are also reported to be aiming at Drohobycz, south of Lwow.

In this sector also a decrease of pressure by the German columns is noted.

According to reports reaching the Polish-Rumanian frontier, the group of Polish armies in the north is operating with perfect liaison with the group in Posnania, states the Havas correspondent at Zaleszczyki.

COMPLETE LIAISON

All military centres are maintaining complete liaison with the High Command.

The Warsaw, Taranowicze and Vilna radio stations are broadcasting without interruption.

The Polish Government is now in the Lwow area and is maintaining constant contact with the different departments and is exchanging a regular service of despatches with the High Command and the various centres of resistance.—Reuter.

200 BOMBS DROPPED ON WARSAW

London, To-day.

Warsaw last night reported that it was raided many times by German bombers yesterday, and 200 bombs were dropped on the city.

There were a large number of ci-

vilian casualties and among the buildings hit was the Latvian Legation.—Reuter.

GERMAN ARMoured DIVISION FALLS BACK

Paris, To-day.

The newspaper "Le Temps" says that Warsaw is not seriously attacked from the west. German left wing troops at Brest-Litovsk appear to be slackening, although the German forces are moving towards Warsaw in that area.

"Le Temps" also says that the attack on Lvov (Lemberg) was really only a raid by an armoured division which fell back when threatened with isolation from the main army.—Reuter.

SIT-DOWN STRIKE OF SEAMEN

New York, To-day.

A sit-down strike of seamen, who are demanding a cash bonus of \$250 for entering the war zones, prevented the departure of three American ships from New York yesterday.

The ships — the American Trade Teller, American Trader and Scan States — were all to have sailed for Europe under orders by the State Department to pick up stranded Americans.—Reuter.

ANTWERP ANNOYED BY HOLD-UP OF CARGOES

London, To-day.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Information last night says that impatience is understood to have been expressed in Antwerp concerning the detention of grain cargoes for Belgium at the British contraband control points.

Antwerp, the Ministry points out, is, of course, the normal port for the disembarking of food from South America to Germany.

In view of this, a number of ships carrying cereal cargoes were temporarily detained, pending confirmation concerning the destination of the cargoes.

On September 15, an assurance was received from the Belgian Ambassador that the cargoes were for Belgium and would not be re-exported.

The Contraband Committee accepted this assurance and many of the ships are now on their way to Antwerp, if they have not already reached that port. — Reuter.

ALL POLISH ARMY COMMANDS MAINTAIN CONTACT

London, To-day.

ALL POLISH MILITARY commands are maintaining continuous liaison with the Polish High Command.

The group of armies in the north works in perfect accord with the group in Posnan.

The three main Polish radio stations are working without interruption, broadcasting continuous instructions to the public on defence.

The Polish Government is in the Lvov (Lemberg) area and maintains constant contact with the different departments and the high command.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

The military experts of the various French newspapers emphasise that the German tactics in Poland are to send ahead columns of mechanised line units.

These are not connected with one another and make no effort to hold territory. Their main object is to destroy communications and to prevent concentrations of Polish troops.

It is emphasized that there is no question of any continuous front. — Reuter.

GERMAN COMMUNIQUE

London, To-day.

Berlin last night claimed that the following is the position in Poland at the moment:—

German forces are 100 miles north-east of Warsaw and have taken Byelostok where they are on the bank of

the Bug River;

The same distance to the east, the fortress of Brest-Litovsk is being attacked;

Fifty miles to the south, a German mechanised column has crossed the Vistula, but German infantry are finding it difficult to follow the mechanised units;

German forces have occupied Przemysl and are now trying to move eastwards;

And German units have reached Praga, the eastern suburb of Warsaw.

A German communique states that German reserves have arrived and have strengthened the line around Kutno. The Germans also claim to have bombed Polish troop transports near Poland's eastern frontier.—Reuter.

ULTIMATUM TO WARSAW

London, To-day.

The Nazi radio in Berlin announces that the Germans have presented a 12-hour ultimatum calling on Warsaw to surrender. Leaflets conveying the ultimatum were dropped over Warsaw at 3.10 yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

CIRCUS ANIMALS WORK FOR LIVING IN GERMANY

London, To-day.

Nearly all the animals in Hagenbeck's famous circus have been sent to Soviet Russia. At the end of the war, Soviet Russia will send a shipment of Russian animals to replace them.

Elephants and camels now have to work for their living in Hamburg by pulling tractors.—Reuter.

RED CROSS ACTIVITY

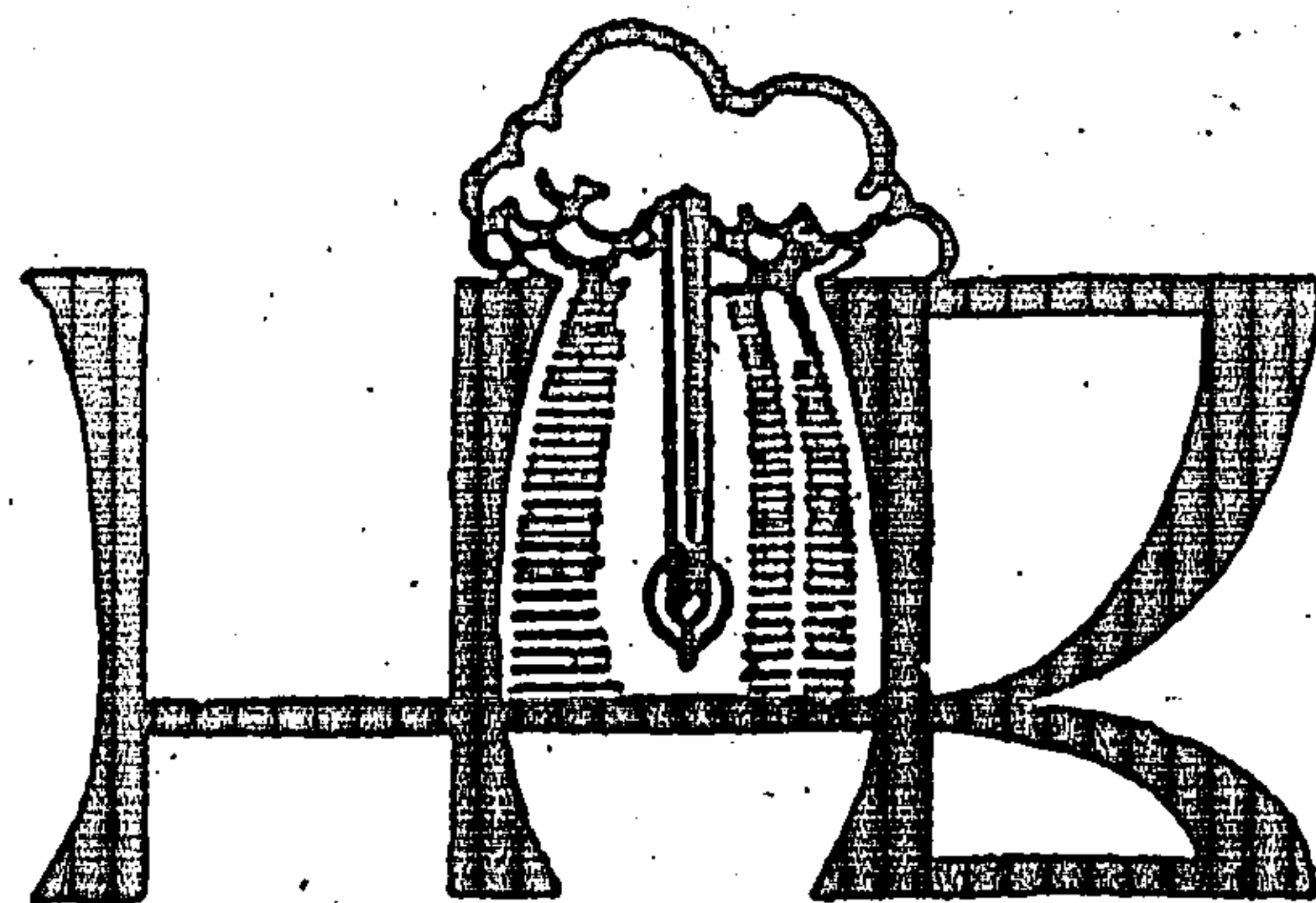
London, To-day.

A message from Berlin received in Brussels says that a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross has arrived there to organise a Red Cross mission to travel through the zone of military operations.

The mission will be composed of members of neutral countries and possibly the belligerent states, and will aim at investigating German allegations of massacres of people of German race by the Poles.

The delegate who is now in Berlin is of Swiss nationality.—Reuter.

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—AND THEN TRY!

PARIS NOT SURPRISED BY JAPAN-SOVIET ARMISTICE

FREIGHTER CUT IN TWO

Shanghai, To-day.

The Belgian freighter Alex van Opstal was cut in two when torpedoed by a Nazi submarine. There were seven passengers on board. The sea was calm and the lifeboats were lowered. The steamer was on the way to Antwerp from New York. — Our Own Correspondent.

FRIENDLY SOCCER IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

The following friendly Football matches were played yesterday:—

Aldershot	0	Queen's Pk.	1
Barnsley	2	Huddersfield	1
Blackpool	2	Everton	1
Bolton	2	Manchester U.	2
Bournemouth	2	Southampton	2
Burnley	2	Accrington	1
Brighton	3	Fulham	3
Bristol Rovers	3	Bristol City	1
Bury	2	Manchester C.	4
Cardiff	2	Newport	0
Chelmsford	0	Arsenal	4
Chesterfield	2	Sheffield U.	0
Chester	0	Liverpool	5
Clyde	3	Partick	1
Doncaster	0	Bradford	0
Guildford	2	Millwall	2
Halifax	3	Leeds	2
Leicester	3	Villa	0
Luton	3	Brentford	2
Peterborough	4	Notts Forest	3
Plymouth	3	Torquay	2
Preston	3	Blackburn	1
Reading	0	Chelsea	4
Rochdale	1	Oldham	2
Shrewsbury	3	Port Vale	0
Southend	6	Norwich	2
Stoke	3	Coventry	1
Stockport	4	Southport	1
Swindon	2	Cheltenham	0
St. Johnstone	0	Black Watch	2
St. Mirren	3	Morton	4

—Reuter.

RUGBY LEAGUE FRIENDLIES

London, To-day.

The following Rugby League friendly matches were played yesterday:—

Castleford	15	Leeds	19
Dewsbury	17	Batley	14
Halifax	18	Bradford	
		Northern	33
Huddersfield	39	Hunslet	26
Swinton	27	Salford	10
Oldham	23	Rochdale	5
Wigan	10	Warrington	16
York	10	Wakefield	
		Trinity	17

—Reuter.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE TO CARRY ON

London, To-day.

After a two-hour meeting, the Scottish Football League decided to resume on September 23.

Players will receive a maximum wage of £2 in First Division, and £1

Shanghai, To-day.
PARIS HAS NOT BEEN SURPRISED by the Japan-Soviet armistice, says a French message, as it had been anticipated since the Japanese Premier's recent statement that Japan would henceforth make efforts to strengthen the new order in East Asia and was willing to improve relations with States wishing to co-operate, like Russia, France and Britain.

Opinion is that the agreement is a mere truce and yet is a possible starting point to widespread negotiations with a view to permanent settlement of differences.

However, this is not likely to improve Japan's relations towards the Democracies.

It is believed Russia desires the Far East hostilities to end with a view to interesting herself in Europe. —Our Own Correspondent.

FRENCH NIBBLE AT THE SIEGFRIED LINE

London, To-day.

A semi-official review says that the French and the defenders of the Siegfried positions are at grips and are disputing the forward works of the German fortified line on the south bank of the Sarre.

A large-scale German counter-attack was made on the rugged plateau which, between the River Nied and the Warndt Forest, dominates Sarrelouis.

Thus, bit by bit, successive communiqués announce more or less important engagements around the central Sarre region.

Fighting in the lower valley of the Nied is taking place on the right bank of the stream, which passes Bouzonville and meanders with sharp curves across a plateau strewn with little woods.

MAJOR INTEREST

The eastern rim of this plateau dominates the Valley of the Sarre, forming a balcony on which artillery can batter Sarrelouis and the whole Valley of the Sarre and the heights situated on the other side of the river, on which the real Siegfried Line is built.

The enemy therefore has a major interest in stemming French progress here before the French reach the rim of the plateau.—Reuter.

ARRESTS IN BOHEMIA

Berlin, To-day.

The official Nazi news agency admits that a number of persons have been arrested in Bohemia and Moravia.

It says they are mainly adherents of Dr. Benes and Jewish elements.

The announcement adds: "There are also some priests among them, but one must not speak of the systematic wholesale arrest of Roman Catholic clergy."

It is emphasised that they were

in Second Division matches.

The clubs' interests must not interfere with players engaged in work of national importance.—Reuter.

NO STRIKES

London, To-day.

Three Canadian Labour organisations have expressed their desire to co-operate to prevent disputes during the war.

They are:—

The Trades and Labour Congress of Canada;

The All-Canada Congress of Labour, and

The Canadian Federation of Labour. —Reuter.

KAY STAMMERS DEFEATED

London, To-day.

Miss Kay Stammers, the only British survivor in the semi-finals of the U. S. Women's Tennis Championship, was beaten yesterday by Miss Helen Jacobs, 7-5, 6-0.—Reuter.

FOR THE PEOPLE

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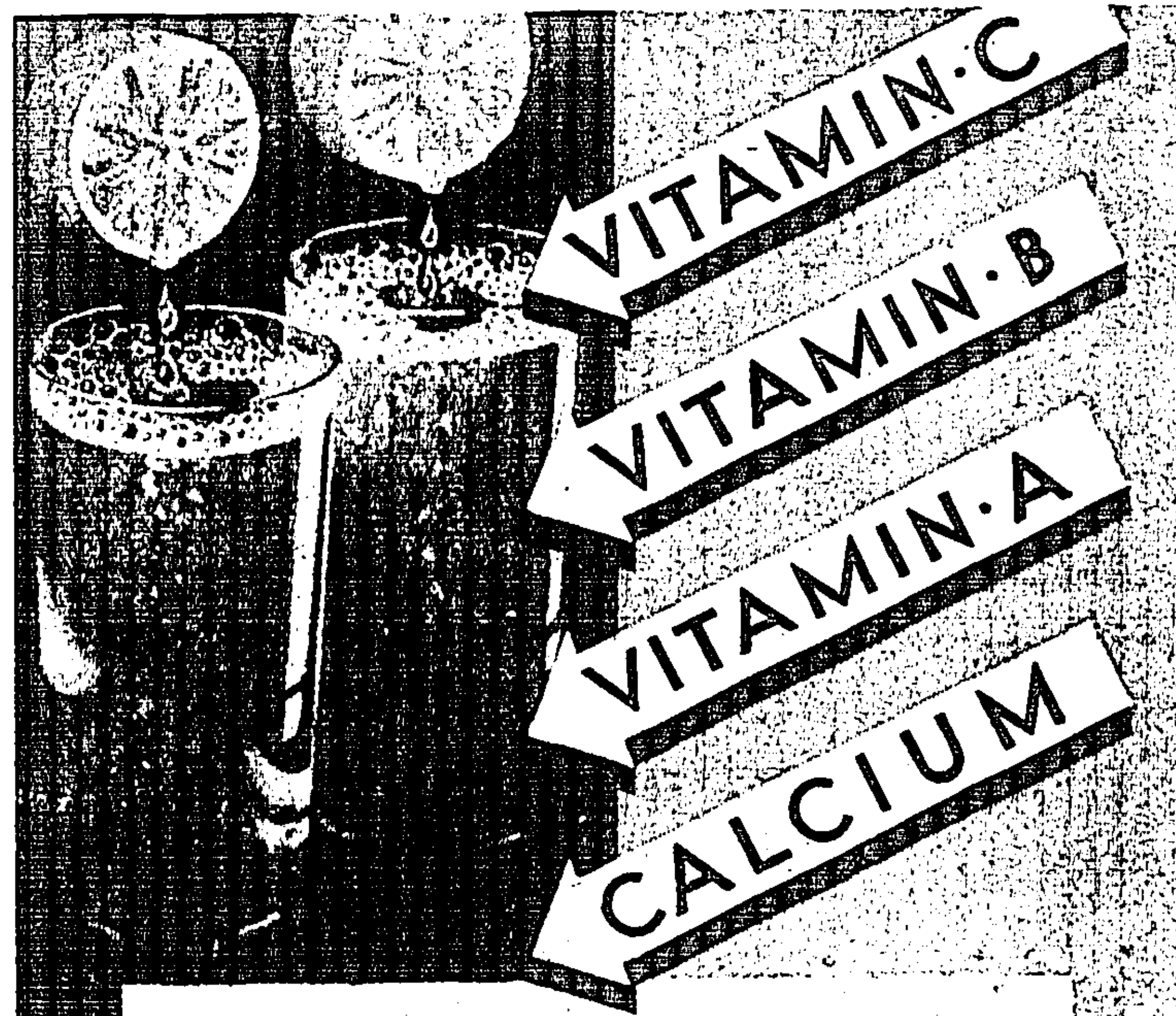
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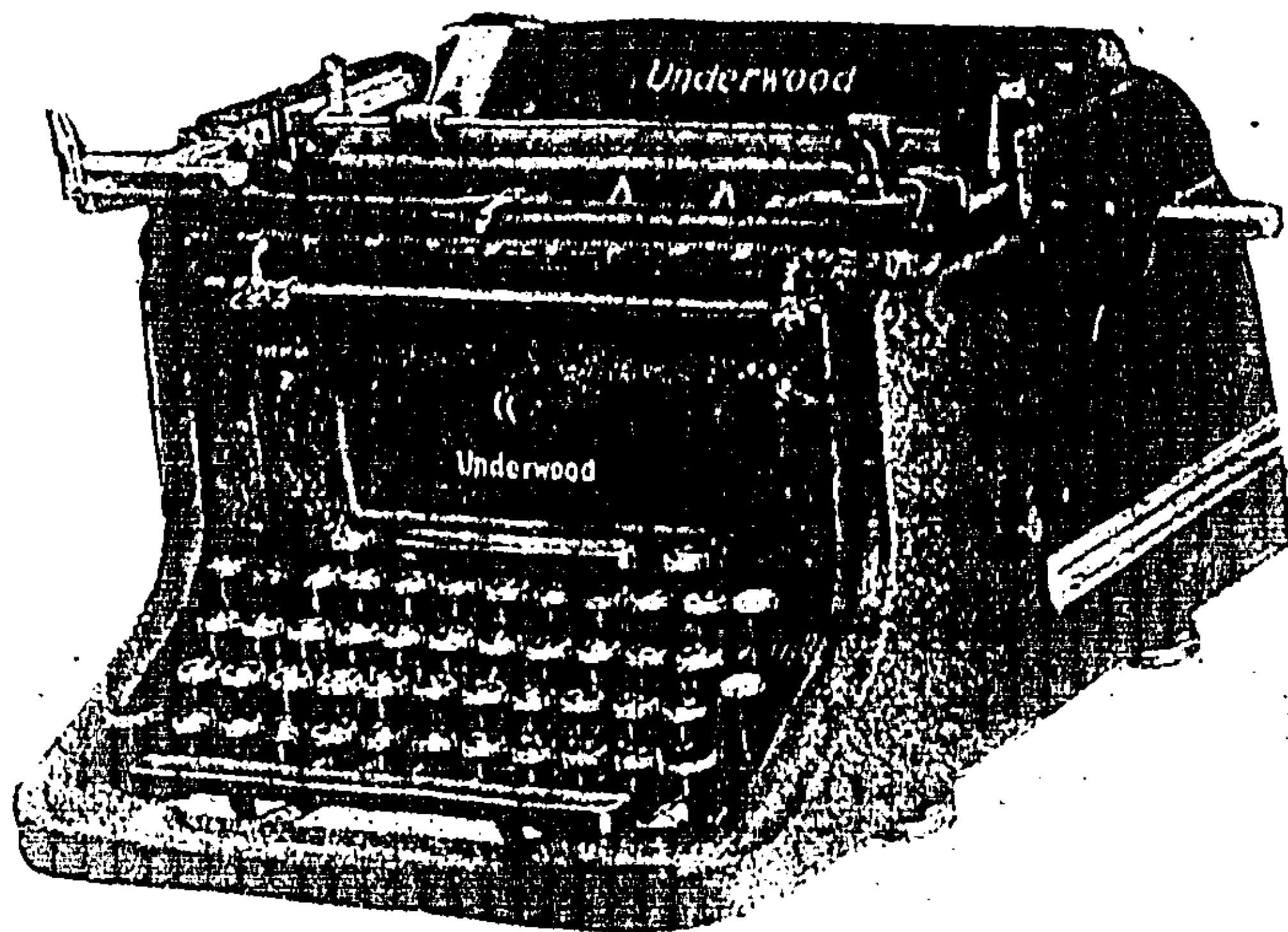
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H.A.G. SHIP REACHES SAFETY

Tokyo, To-day.
The Hamburg-Amerika line freighter Odenwald arrived in Yokohama yesterday after reversing her course in mid-Pacific soon after the outbreak of war.

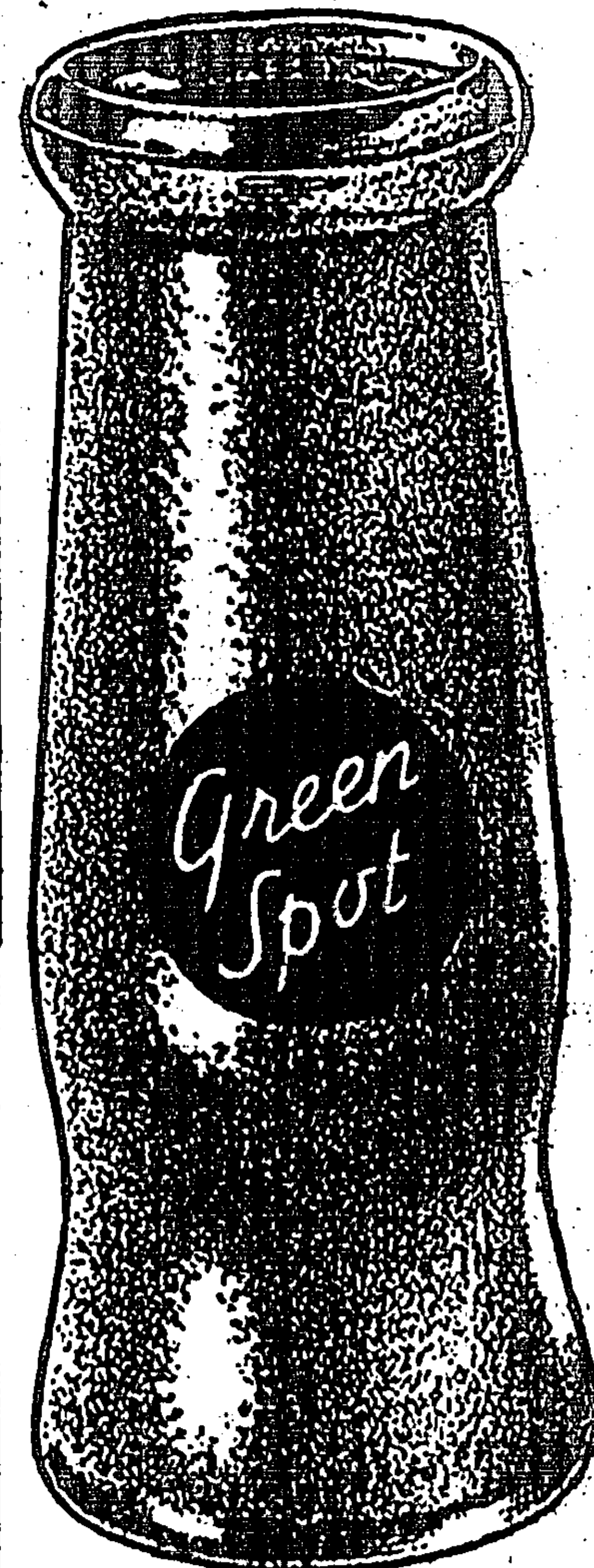
She was bound for the west coast of the United States but the captain put about when only 800 miles from port because he feared the American authorities would intern her.

Only a few tons of fuel were left when she reached Japan.—Reuter.

SOVIET APPOINTS ENVOY TO JAPAN

Moscow, To-day.
M. Constantin Smetanin, former Soviet charge d'affaires in Tokyo, has been appointed Ambassador to Japan.—Reuter.

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